

INITIAL STATUS REPORT

Long Term Care Ombudsman Report

Orangeburg Nursing Home

On March 6, 2007, the owners of Orangeburg Nursing Home, Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Prior to the April 9, 2007 appointment of Dale Watson, State Long Term Care Ombudsman, as the patient care ombudsman, Susan Garen, Lower Savannah Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman, made a visit to the facility to ensure that patient care needs were being met. Since the appointment, three additional visits have been made. The dates of the visits are as follows:

Tuesday, March 27, 2007; 11:30am- 1:00pm

Tuesday, April 17, 2007; 3:00pm- 4:00pm

Thursday, May 3, 2007; 10:00am- 12:00noon *

Friday, May 18, 2007; 9:30am- 12:00noon

* Dale Watson, State Long Term Care Ombudsman, accompanied the Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman on this visit.

During these visits, residents and family members were interviewed and questioned about their care needs and services. No complaints were reported. A daily census sheet was obtained and numbers of staff present were verified and found sufficient to meet resident needs. During each visit, a tour of both units was conducted for the purpose of observing general resident care and interactions between staff and residents. No problems were observed.

Theo Martin, the Administrator, met with all staff to explain the bankruptcy proceedings and purpose of the action taken. All were assured that the facility was not closing. Mrs. Martin is now in charge of the payroll and vendor accounts and now knows that all are paid on time. Mrs. Martin reports no financial problems or issues since Mr. Alexander purchased Orangeburg Nursing Home or since bankruptcy proceedings started. The facility continues to have strong staff support with noted longevity in both administrative and direct care staff levels.

Theo Martin, Administrator, sent a letter dated May 15, 2007 to all family members noted as responsible party that assured them that the owner and staff were committed to continuing to meet all care needs of the residents in the facility and explained the purpose of the Chapter 11 filing. This letter was sent after the local newspaper, *The Times and Democrat*, printed an article informing the public of Orangeburg Nursing Home, Inc's bankruptcy status.

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The administrator addressed approximately ten residents at the May 24, 2007 Resident Council Meeting. She provided assurance to each of the facility's stability under the new owner by explaining that the facility would not be closing and that there was plenty of money from the new owner to purchase all necessary medical and food supplies.

The facility's ordering process for medications, medical supplies, and food was reviewed and inventory observed during three of the four visits. The facility was well stocked on all visits. The facility has on site laundry services that keeps all units stocked with necessary linens as well as completes the resident's laundry. The overall cleanliness of the facility was noted to be good during each visit.

There are no pending complaint investigations for this facility and there have been no recent complaint investigations conducted at this facility by the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program staff.